AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A triphenylmethane derivative represented by the general formula (1):

$$(1)$$

$$R^{1}(O-R^{2})$$

$$NH$$

$$O$$

$$X(R^{2}-O)$$

$$NH$$

$$O$$

$$X(R^{2}-O)$$

$$R^{1}$$

wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; R² is a linear or branched alkylene group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms; X is NH, NR¹, O or a single bond; n is an integer of 0 to 10; and a plurality of the R¹ groups, the R² groups, the X groups and the integers n may be respectively identical to or different from each other.

2. (Original) The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 1, wherein the integer n in the general formula (1) is 0 or 1.

3. (Original) The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 2 which is represented by the general formula (2):

wherein R¹ has the same meaning as defined in the general formula (1).

- 4. (Original) The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 3, wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms.
- 5. (Original) The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 3, wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms.
- 6. (Original) The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 3, wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 11 to 20 carbon atoms.
- 7. (Currently amended) An organic gelling agent comprising the triphenylmethane derivative as defined in claim 1 any one of claims 1 to 6.

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- 8. (Original) An organic gel comprising the organic gelling agent as defined in claim 7, and an organic solvent.
- 9. (Original) An organic fiber comprising the organic gel as defined in claim 8, and having a diameter of 500 nm or less.
- 10. (New) An organic gelling agent comprising the triphenylmethane derivative as defined in claim 3.
- 11. (New) An organic gel comprising the organic gelling agent as defined in claim 10, and an organic solvent.
- 12. (New) An organic fiber comprising the organic gel as defined in claim 11, and having a diameter of 500 nm or less.